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- [X] 4. Other information being provided for the Examiner's consideration follows:
- [X] Copy of the International Search Report mailed <u>December 3, 2004</u> by the European Patent Office, completed <u>26 November 2004</u>, by the European Patent Office, in counterpart internation application no. <u>PCT/SK2004/000009</u> is submitted with this Information Disclosure Statement.
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